

House Resolution No. 4001

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Ray Utley took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Thomasine "Tomme" Debenito, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on June 17, 1957, at Saint Patrick's Church Rectory; and

Whereas, five decades later Ray and Tomme Utley of Saint Joseph will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on June 16, 2007, at the Saint Francis Xavier Church Parish Center; and

Whereas, the marital union of Ray and Tomme Utley has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Penny D. and Tom Parisoff, Julie G. and Joel Spies, and Perry and Myrna Utley; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ray Utley has developed and maintained an excellent reputation as a sales representative for Spectrum Furniture, while Tomme Utley is likewise well thought of as a probation officer with the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, Ray and Tomme Utley will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes that have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Ray and Tomme Utley during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Ray and Tomme Utley and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ray and Tomme Utley of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike McGhee
District No. 122

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4001, adopted June 7, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker